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Dear Examiner Thompson:

Attached please find a proposed Agenda and proposed amendment to independent claim 12 (and associated dependent claims) for discussion at tomorrow's interview. We look forward to meeting you tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

Kent E. Genin
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Our Case No. 11958/43**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)
JOHN OVERTON)
Serial No. 09/661,222) Examiner: Thompson. M.
Filing Date: September 13, 2000) Group Art Unit: 2144
For NETWORK DISTRIBUTED)
TRACKING WIRE TRANSFER)
PROTOCOL)

INTERVIEW AGENDA

Dear Sir:

Applicant proposes to discuss the following items with the Examiner at the in-person interview scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005:

- I. Invention Overview
- II. Review of Embodiment Relating to Claimed Redirection Feature
- III. Review of Independent Claim 12 and Proposed Amendment
- IV. Discussion of the Four Cited References Used in Current §102 Rejections

PROPOSED AMENDMENT - FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

12. (Currently Amended) A method for storing and retrieving tracking information over a network using a wire transfer protocol, comprising the steps of:

providing a location string and an identification string, the location string for specifying the location of data associated with an entity in a distributed data collection and the identification string for specifying the identification of the data an entity in the distributed data collection;

storing information at a data repository entity by associating an identification string associated with the data an entity with each particular stored unit of information associated with the entity and by mapping the identification string to at least one location string associated with the data repository entity, the identification string and the at least one location string for a particular unit of information being stored at a first server in communication with entity coupled to the data repository entity;

transmitting a request from a client entity to a second the first server entity to retrieve at least one location string associated with the data the entity, the request including the identification string associated with the dataentity; and

receiving the request at the second first server entity; [[and]] responding to the client entity with a redirect message containing information for determining a [[the]] location of at least one location string if the at least one location string is not at the second server first server entity, wherein the client calculates the location of the at least one location string based on the redirect message.

13. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The method for storing and retrieving tracking information defined in claim 12, wherein the lengths of the identification string and the at least one location string are variable.

16. (Original) The method for storing and retrieving tracking information defined in claim 12, further comprising the step of spontaneously and dynamically manipulating the mapping of an identification string to a location string.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein responding to the client entity with a redirect message comprises sending the client entity data configured in a server table and the client calculates entity determining the location of at least one location string by applying a shared function to the server table.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein responding to the client entity with a redirect message comprises the second server first server entity sending a function description to the client entity, the function adapted for use by the client entity to obtain the location of the at least one location string.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the client entity applies the function from the redirect message to the identification string to obtain the location of the at least one location string.